

REMARKS

Upon entry of the Amendment, Claims 3 to 7, 15 to 17, 51, and 215 to 218 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 51 and 215 to 218 have been allowed. The Examiner has objected to claims 3 to 7 and 15 to 17 as allegedly being dependent from a rejected base claim, but has indicated that claims 3-7 and 15-17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1-2 have been canceled. Claims 3, 15, and 16 have been amended. Claims 3, 15, and 16 were amended to be in independent form. Further, the specification has been amended to correct a minor error and to update the status of the parent application. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

The specification has been objected to allegedly because of the informality that Applicants' related patent application information to the parent Application Serial Number 10/281,321 should be updated.

The specification has been amended to indicate that Application Serial Number 10/281,321 is now abandoned.

Claims 1-2, 8-13, and 213-214 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103, as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,251,775 to Armbrust, *et al.* ("Armbrust '775").

Claims 1-2, 8-13, and 213-214 have been canceled. Therefore this rejection is moot.

As described above, the Examiner has objected to claims 3 to 7 and 15 to 17 as allegedly being dependent from a rejected base claim, but has indicated that claims 3-7 and 15-17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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Claims 3-7 and 15-17 are now in independent form.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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